

This report contains summary data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Data is provided as a courtesy for the board and is intended to be used for informational purposes only.

News

- The results of the 2023 PDMP Awareness and Feedback Questionnaire have been posted to the website. The summary of Dental provider participation is attached with the Delegate participation report.
- [Statewide Gateway Integration](#) is ongoing.
- Auto-approval has been enabled!
- We have applied for grants with our partners at Department of Health for funding from the Centers and Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Awards will be announced this fall.

Registration

Some licensed providers may be registered as an IHS, Military, or VA Prescriber and would not be counted in the number registered in AWA_Rx_E (PDMP).

Portal (Professional license system)

Number of licensed Dentists: 747
Number of Dentists with DEA registrations: 651
Number of PDMP Dental registrations: 633
Directly dispensing controlled substances: 26

AWA_Rx_E (PDMP)

Number registered with the PDMP: 585

Use – Review Compliance

Federally Scheduled II – III controlled substances, over a three-day supply (emergency, surgical and oncology specialties are omitted). The database does not capture treatment codes and is therefore not able to account for prescription(s) not reviewed due to some of the exemptions in AS 17.30.200(k)(4)(A).

Q1 2023: 3.07%
Q2 2023: 3.36%

Delinquent Reporters

We are working to enable the tools to monitor compliance. We are reaching out to providers to ensure they understand how and when to report.

Recommendations

- Encourage increased reviewing. Mandatory review applies to non-refillable federally scheduled II – III controlled substances over a three-day supply (for further exemptions see AS 17.30.200(k)).
- Remind providers who are directly dispensing to report daily, including zero reports.
- Encourage the use of authorized delegates – including Dental Assistants.
- Sign up for [Statewide Gateway Integration](#)!

PDMP DENTIST HIGHLIGHTS

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The **2023 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Awareness Feedback survey** was distributed to prescribers in Alaska to gauge their experience with the PDMP. This fact sheet shows the results of this survey for the **22** prescribing dentists who responded to the survey. The majority (87%) of dentists have been using the PDMP for at least 5-6 years.

Please see main report for details.



73%

of dentists prescribe controlled substances at least monthly.

How helpful is your licensing board regarding PDMP registration?



■ Not at all helpful ■ Somewhat helpful
■ Very helpful ■ Extremely helpful

63% of dentists found their board at least somewhat helpful, while half of dentists have NOT attempted to contact their board

Note: Percents do not include respondents who said they had not contacted their board.

When do dentists check the PDMP?

Every patient I am prescribing a controlled substance to

64%

Patients who request a specific controlled substance

55%

Patients with known substance misuse

27%

Patients who look suspicious

18%

Other

18%

Patients with known behavioral health issues

9%

Every patient, regardless of the prescription

0%

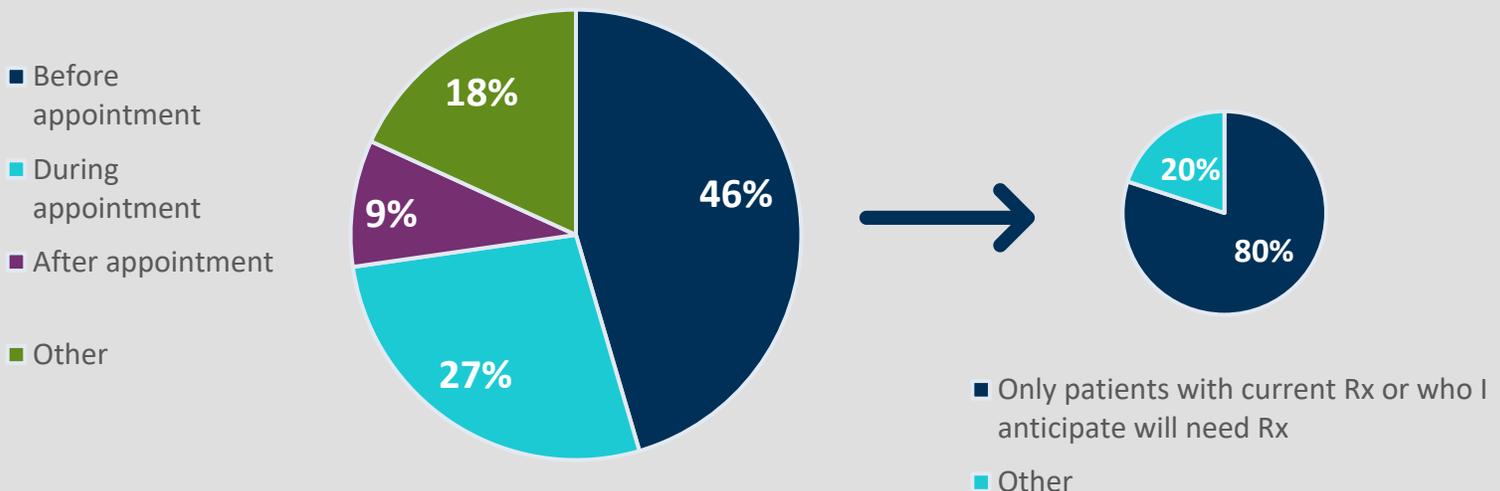
Note: Percents add up to more than 100% because of multiple selection.

64%

Check the PDMP for every patient they are prescribing a controlled substance to

0 dentists directly dispense controlled substances.

Most dentists review patients in the PDMP *before* their appointment, and those that they review beforehand are patients with a current prescription or who they anticipate will need a prescription.

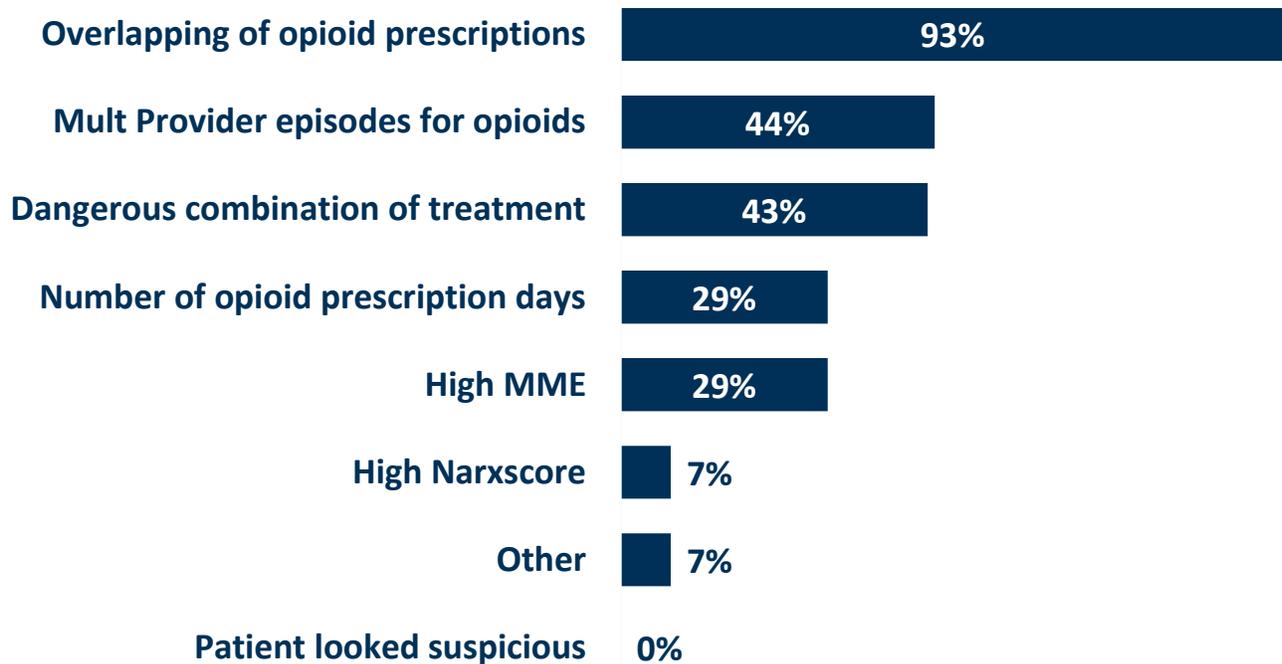


Denial of prescriptions

64%

denied prescription because of information found in PDMP

Reasons for Denial



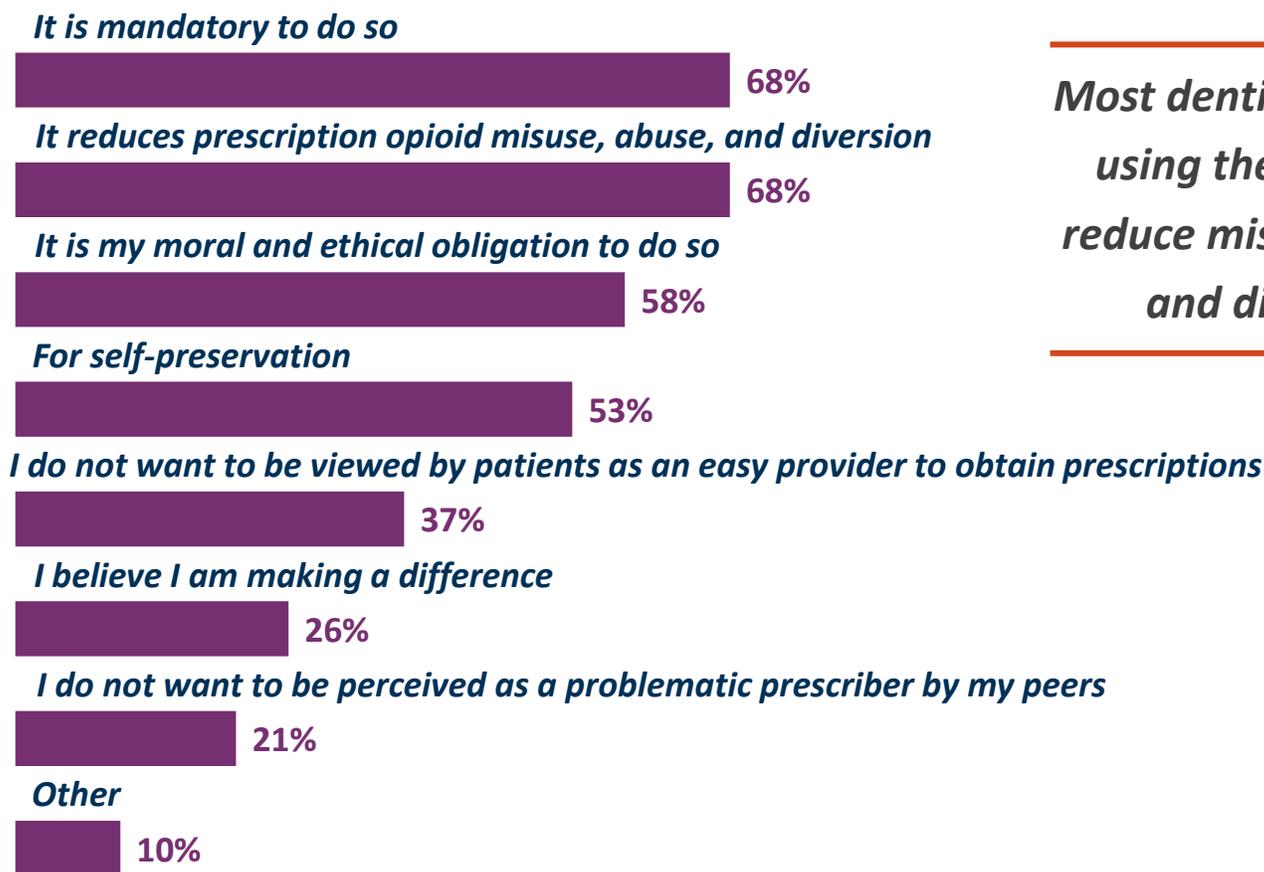
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6 out of 10 dentists found patient prescription history extremely or very valuable for informing decision making.

PDMP usage and barriers to usage

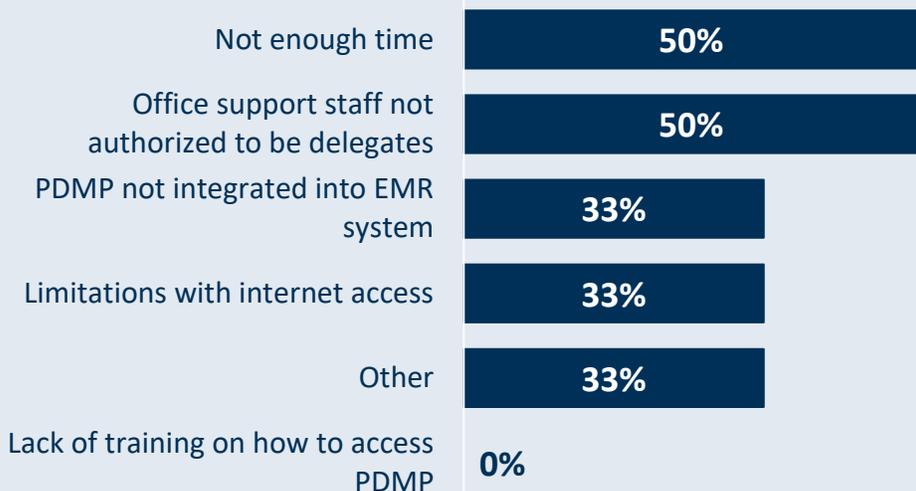
Why dentists use PDMP



Most dentists reported using the PDMP to reduce misuse, abuse, and diversion

Note: Options with 0% selection are not shown on this graph.

Barriers to using PDMP



27%
experienced barriers to using the PDMP

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Report card & enhancements



73% of dentists receive a prescriber report card.

I changed prescribing patterns as a result of report card



I was surprised by how I compare to other prescribers in same specialty



■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly disagree

*Note: percents are calculated out of respondents who indicated that they do receive a report card.

*Nearly **half** of dentists were surprised by how they compared to other prescribers.*

***No one** changed prescribing patterns based on report card.*

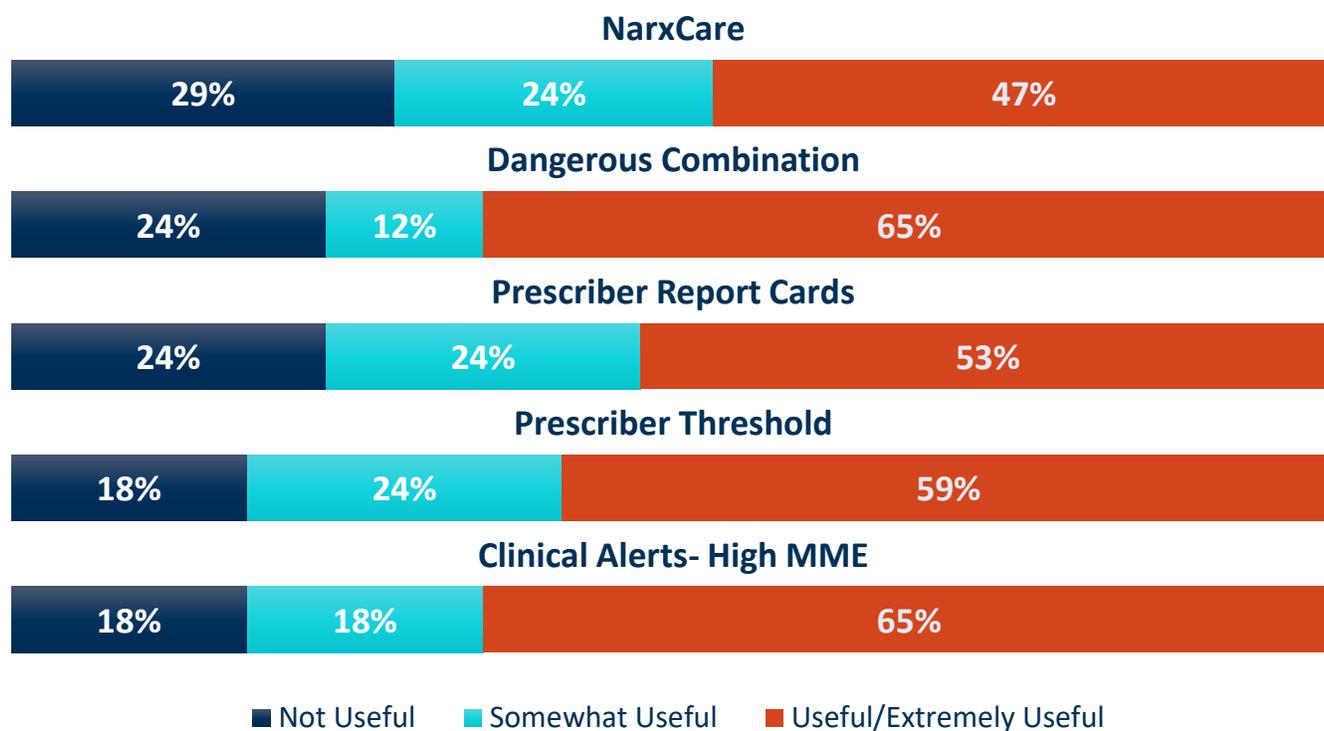
41%

of dentists have reviewed their compliance report in the PDMP

47%

also reported that they did not know they could

Usefulness of PDMP Enhancements



The most useful enhancements are dangerous combination alerts, while Narxcare is considered the least useful.

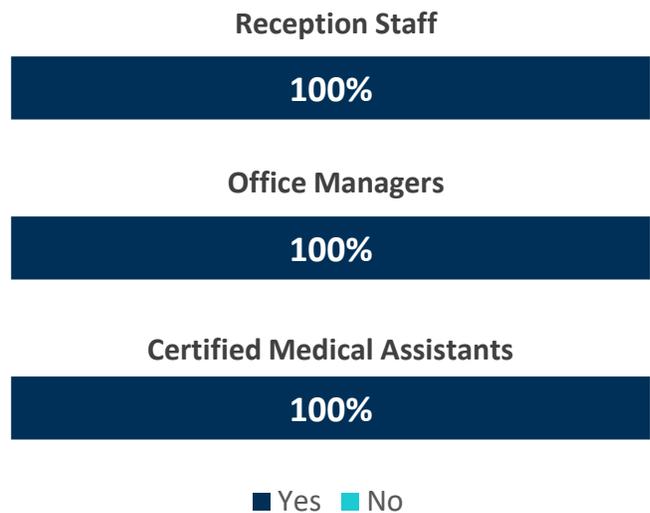
Use of Authorized Delegates



6% of Dentists have authorized Delegates on their accounts.

Most dentists with authorized delegates had 1-2 delegates on their account (100%) and found delegates to be very helpful (100%).

Who should be delegates?



31% of Dentists who don't have delegates are interested in learning about adding delegates.



The majority of dentists don't have delegates because they prefer to check on their own.

Impacts of COVID-19

Increased patient queries due to seeing more patients during pandemic



Reviewed less patients due to not seeing patients as frequently



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Neither Agree nor Disagree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

Only 13% of dentists said their PDMP use was affected by COVID-19. However, those who did agreed that they reviewed less patients due to not seeing them as frequently.



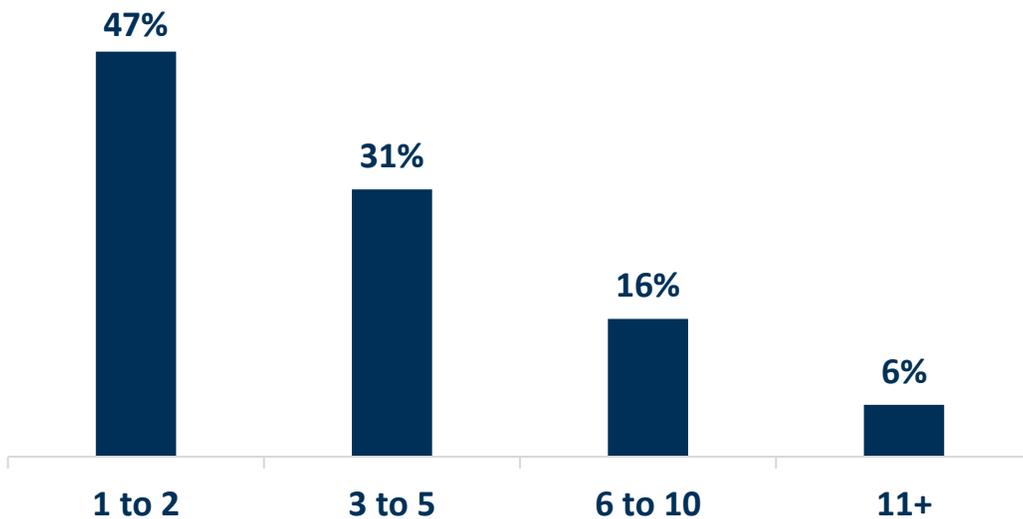
PDMP DELEGATES HIGHLIGHTS

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Delegate background

Number of PDMP users with whom delegates are registered



91%

of delegates work for a prescriber in a hospital or office.

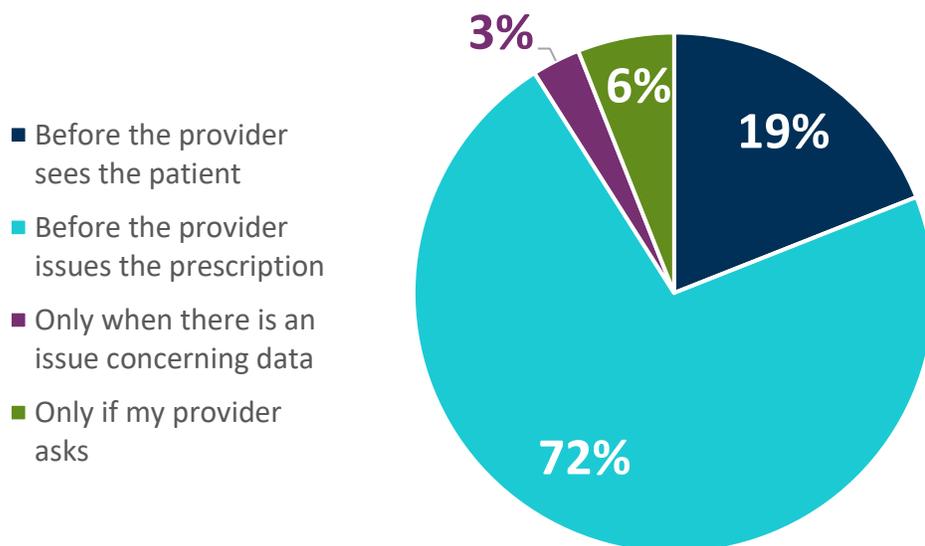
9%

of delegates work for a pharmacist.

DELEGATES HIGHLIGHTS

Sharing PDMP Information

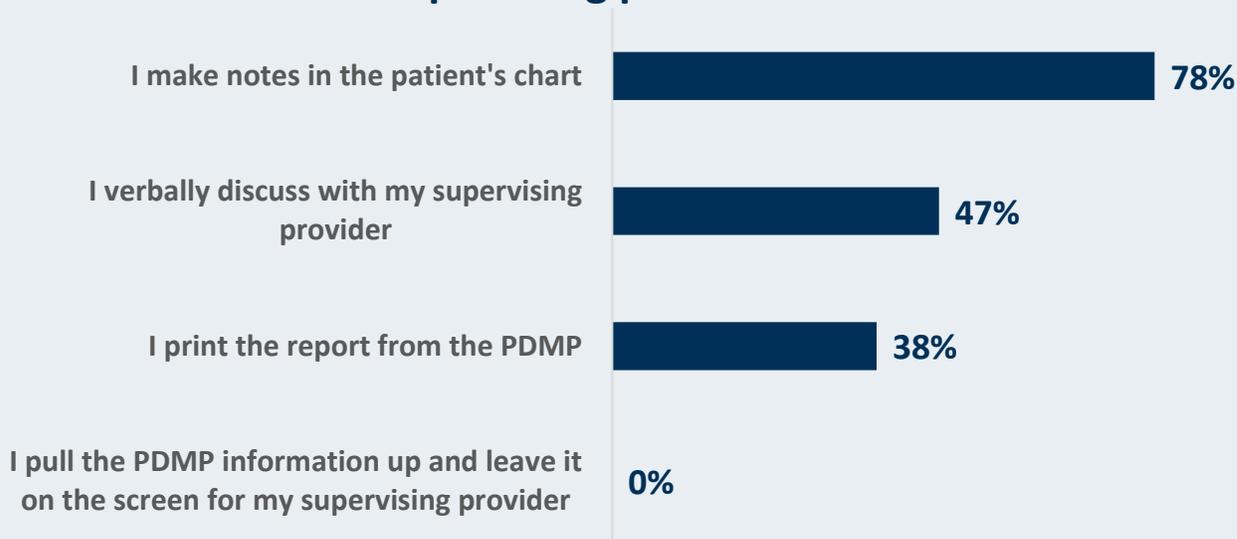
When delegates share PDMP information with their supervising provider



72% of delegates share information before the provider issues the prescription.

Nearly 4 out of 5 of delegates share PDMP info by making notes in the patient's chart

How delegates share PDMP information with the supervising provider



Note: Percents add up to more than 100% because of multiple selection.

DELEGATES HIGHLIGHTS

Delegate integration into clinical practice

How delegates learn about the opportunity to become a delegate

From the facility where I am employed

69%

From my supervisor

16%

My own research

6%

From a co-worker

6%

Other

3%



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How delegates perceive their role to be useful

Delegates feel their role is most useful for reviewing prescription history, improving office workflow, and saving time

To review patient prescription history

94%

Improving office workflow

49%

Reducing time constraints

39%

Quality review of providers prescribing practices

24%

Distributing workload

21%

To submit prescription data

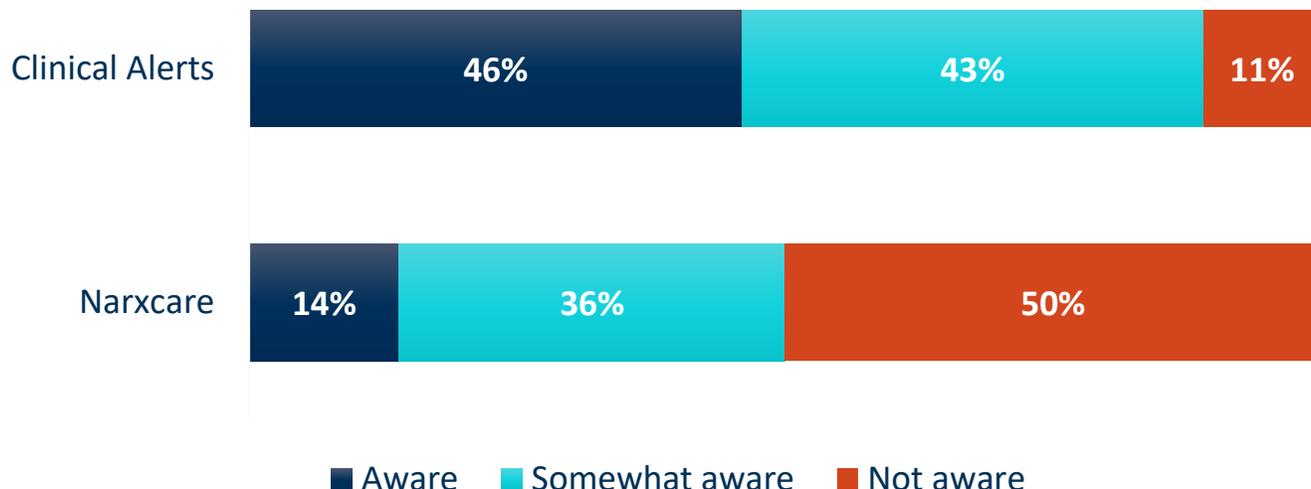
21%

Other

3%

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Awareness of PDMP enhancements



Delegates were most aware of clinical alerts and least aware of NarxCare enhancements.

The most useful PDMP enhancements are dangerous combination alerts, while NarxCare is considered the least useful.

Usefulness of PDMP enhancements

